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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 2nd/August, through Sunday, 9th/August there were 204 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, CY0, D2, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

5H, TANZANIA

Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between September 13th and October 18th. He plans to be active

during his spare time as 5H3MB on the HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20/15/10m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at:

<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm>
<http://www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qs1%20request.htm>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA

Members of the North of Peninsular Malaysia ARA Boys Contest n' DXers will be active as 9M2M (old call 9M2SM) from Arau, Perlis (AS-058), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Multi entry. Operators mentioned are (11 Brothers) Afiq/9W2AHU, Ahmad/9M2AGC, Hairil/9M2GET, Han/9W2SBD, Mohamad/9W2SBL, Mohd/9W2MNW, Oja/9M2OUT, Rizal/9M2RDX, Syed/9M8SYA, Weerut/9W2RUT and Zaki/9M2ZAK. QSL direct to: ARA Boys Contest N' DX'ers, 49 F Jalan 2, Taman Sri Mawar, 02600, Arau, Perlis, Malaysia.

CN, MOROCCO

Operators Jiri/OK1RI, Norbert/OM6NM, Petr/OK1FFU, Jiri/OK1DO, Jorge/EA9LZ and Jim/W7EJ will be on the air as CN2R from Rabat during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via W7EJ. Operators will be there starting October 15th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

ENIGMA EVENT

(An international event which will hopefully be of interest to all Ham Radio operators) [September 12-25th].

The Enigma Event consists in exchanging ham radio messages over the air, encrypted with the Enigma code of WW II memory, to commemorate its importance in the history of communications and encryption. The Event Enigma is one of the "European Researchers' night" events on Sept 25th, when a number of initiatives will be organized by European research and cultural institutions. An Amateur radio Award (ENIGMA AWARD) is associated to this event. The ham activity of the ENIGMA AWARD will start on Sept. 12th. All details and rules are available on the official Web site at

www.enigma-reloaded.it

(Available languages: Italian, English, Deutsch and French)

FO, MARQUESAS ISLANDS

Hiro, JI1JKW, will be active as FO/JI1JKW from **Nuku Hiva (OC-027)** between August 9-13th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

HH, HAITI (Update)

Doug, KD8CAO, son of K8YSE (OPDX Webmaster), will be active as HH8/KD8CAO from Jacmel (FK38rf) between August 15-22nd. He is there on a "Medical Mission Trip" with his XYL. Activity will be mainly on the satellites (SSB/FM), with a possibility of some HF activity

(QRP) on 17 and 10 meters as his schedule permits. His activity on the satellite will be on FO29 and SO50. Doug will be using a FT-817ND (QRP with 5w) and a Kenwood TH-D72A. Antennas are an Arrow 146/437-10WBP (for the satellites) and a wire dipole for HF. QSL via KD8CAO direct and LoTW.

IOTA NEWS

AF-064. Just a reminder that operators Ashley/ZS1ASH, Grant/ZS1GS, YL Mari/ZS1MW and YL Elizabeth/ZS1XS will be active as ZS1FUN from **Dassen Island** during the weekend of August 15-16th. Operators state, "We expect bad weather, but only dangerous sea conditions will prevent us from reaching the island." Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL direct via E-mail: [zs1fun.sa\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:zs1fun.sa[at]gmail.com)

AS-073. Hary, 9M2GET, will be active as 9M2GET/P from **Perhentian Kechil** between August 22-23rd. QSL via 9M2GET direct.

AS-129/ Zhao, BD7IHN, will be active as B7/BD7IHN from **Qi Ao Island**

AS-131. (AS-131) and **Wai Ling Ding Island (AS-129)** sometime between August 14-20th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL via his home callsign. ADDED NOTE, if a typhoon is in the region, his activity may be post-poned for a few days until the end of August.

EU-012. Members of Zetland ARC, formerly the Lerwick ARC located on the **Shetland Islands** will be on HF taking part in the Inter- national Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend (ILLW) again from Eshaness Lighthouse (UK00058) on August 15-16th, as GB2ELH. This will be the club's 15th annual entry in the event. QSL cards direct only please via MM5PSL on QRZ.com enclosing a prepaid envelope. ILLW event is at: <http://www.illw.net> Zetland ARC: <http://www.radioclubs.net/gm3zet>

EU-066. Operators Pavel/RU5A and Dmitry/RZ3DJ will be active as RU5A/1 and RZ3DJ/1 from **Solovetsky Islands** between August 10-13th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. QSL via their home callsigns or the OQRS.

EU-086. Mikhail, RA1ALA, is now active as RA1ALA/1 from **Vaygach Island** until about August 14th. Activity has been mainly on 40/20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct only.

EU-112. Members of the GMDX Group (Scotland's DX Association) will be active as GS8VL/P from the **Shiant Islands** between August 21-23rd. Operators mentioned are Gavin/GM0GAV, Dave/GM0LVI, William/GM4ZNC and Charlie/MM0GNS. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using CW, SSB and maybe RTTY. QSL via GM4FDM.

EU-121. Members of the Westnet DX Group will be active as EJ7NET from **Gola Islands** between August 22-27th. Operators mentioned are Declan/EI6FR, Tony/EI3HA, Liam/EI7DSB and Tony/EI2KC. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. QSL via TBC.

NA-075. Mikhail, VE7ACN, will be active as VE7ACN/7 from **Thetis Island** between August 11-14th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via VE7ACN, direct or by the Bureau.

NA-112. Operators Ray/KF3N and his son Chris/KK4QQV will be activating **Sunset Beach Island**, North Carolina, between August 9-15th. Operations will be holiday style during their beach vacation on 40-6 meters using SSB and CW. They will be using an Elecraft K3/100 with a Buddipole. QSL via their home call- signs, direct or by the Bureau. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW.

NA-120. Operators Mike/AD5A, Hector/AD6D, Dragan/K0AP and Mike/AB5EB will be active as N5M from **Marsh Island** between October 16-18th. Activity will be on most HF bands. QSL via AB5EB, direct or by the Bureau.

NA-140. Ralf, N2FVB, will be activating **Smith Island** between August 10-11th. Activity will be holiday style in the afternoon from about 2:00 PM local time until evening. Suggested frequencies are 7225 or 14260 kHz. QSL via his home callsign direct.

OC-021. Budi, YF1AR, will be active as YF1AR/p from **Java Island** (YBFF-016 Mount Halimun Salak National Park [New WWFF] and Salak Endah Natural Park) between August 8-9th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mainly SSB. QSL via N2OO or by ClubLog's OQRS. For more details, see Budi's Web page at: <http://www.yf1ar.com>

OC-262. Imam, YB4IR, will active as YB4IR/p from **Tikus Island** between August 14-17th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS, by his home callsign direct or by the Bureau.

SA-018. Members of the Circle Pacific DX Chilean (CPDXG) will be active as CB7FC from Punta Corona Lighthouse (CHI-013) on **Chiloe Island** during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend [ILLW] (August 15-16th). Operators mentioned are Mau/CE7KF, Rodrigo/ CE4KCA and Bruno/CE7PGO. QSL via CE7PGO. For more details and updates, see: Website: <http://www.cpdxcg.cl>

SA-029. Operators Paulo/PY2SEI and Junior/PY2ZA will be active as PS1AI from **Araujo Island** (NEW!! DIB RJ-024) between October 10-13th. QSL via PS1AI, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS (Update/Reminder)

Operators Toshiaki/JR2UYE, Miho/ JJ2VLY and Yutaka/JQ2GYU will be active as NH0J from the commemorative J-Tinian Radio Space Club station on **Tinian Island (OC-086)** between August 9-13th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via JJ2VLY direct or LoTW. Log is expected to be uploaded to ClubLog during their activity. Look for possible updates at:

<http://jq2gyu.blogspot.jp>

OE, AUSTRIA (Special Event)

Members of the "Wild Mountain DX Group" are currently on their second activation of OE5XWM/p which will take place between August 8-10th. Operators mentioned are Edwin/OE5POP (SSB), Alex/ OE1DXU (SSB) and Peter/OE5PSO (SSB, PSK31). Activity will be focused on 20 meters at 2000m ASL from the Austrian Alps, using 2 double bazookas and a 2 element ZX yagi antennas. QSL via OE5POP or OE5XWM, direct or by the Bureau. NO eQSLs.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 10-16th)

Aug/10th AN	Aug/13th AN	Aug/15th AN
Aug/11th AN	Aug/14th AN	Aug/16th AN
Aug/12th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE

<http://www.bandconditions.com>

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (Will be back in two weeks.....)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 7S5A (EU-177), 7A1JA, PX8K (SA-042), PD1BHZ, RA4M, RG4F, RV9CX and VP2ERM

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3A/F4FET, 4X4DK, J49TSL, JW9JKA, K7UI, LA9VDA (EU-079), PQ0T, V5/DK9IP and YV5EAH

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!!

T4, CUBA

Members of the Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC), Cuban DX Group, and Esperanto Cuban Society (KEA) will be active as T41C (ILLW Special Event Callsign) from [Jutias Aisland \(IOTA NA-093\)](#) and Jutias Lighthouse (ILLW CU-0009).

The 14 member operators that were mentioned are Landy/CL2CRC, Javier/CM2MM, Carlos/CO1CP, Edelman/CO1HJ, Jorge/CO1JP, Ricardo/CO1RH, Raci/CO1WS, Frank/CO2IR, Jesus/CO2IZ, Rolando/CO2LCR, Osmar/CO2ORO, Narciso/CO2QU, Flaue/CO3JT, Urbano/CO3SC and Gamboa/CO3VK. Activity will start from mid-day August

14th to mid-day August 16th.

Operations are planned on all HF bands (60m is pending approval) and Satellite via SO-50 passes during the ILLW. For more info and details, see the QRZ.com page for T41C. Activity will be on 160m-70cm using CW, SSB, Satellite and the Digital modes, with at least two stations on the air during the upcoming International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend and outside of the ILLW (August 14-18th). QSL Manager is Bob, N2OO.

T4, CUBA

The 7163 DX Group and the Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC) are pleased to announce the upcoming DX operation from Havana, Cuba. The combined group will be operating under the special callsign T42US between October 21-28th, including during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). There will be 9 operators from the USA and approximately the same number from Cuba. The T42US group will operate 160-10 meters using SSB and CW. The USA Team leader is Jim, WB2REM, and Cuban Team Leader Bob, CM2KL. The QSL route is via WB2REM. To find about more information about this operation please visit the T42US Web site at:

<http://www.t42us.com>

T6, CUBA (LH Op)

A Team of operators will be active as T46BC from Cayo Bahia de Cadiz and the Lighthouse in **Key Bay (NA-204, ARLHS CUB-015, CU-0246, Admiralty J4888, NGA 12676)**, between August 14-17th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB, and include an entry in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) [August 15-16th]. Operators mentioned are Gherardo/IZ1DSH, Riccardo/IZ1GDB, Orelvis/CO6LC, CO6YG, Luis/CO6LP, Hector/CO6HLP, Rudy/CO6HK, Jose/CO6EC, Carlos/CO6CAC and CO6RLD. QSL via IZ1GDB direct only.

T8, PALAU

JA operators Koh/JA4BXL (T88ZE), Kad/JA4BDY (T88KK) and Tom/ JA4BVU (T88SH) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on **Koror Island (OC-009)** between October 30th and November 5th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home call- signs. For more details about the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room), see:

<http://www.palau-radio.com/index.php?page=rr2014>

T8, PALAU

JA operators Mike/JA6EGL (T88SM), Hirotaka/JA6KYU (T88HS) and Yasuo/JA6UBY (T88RR) will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on **Koror Island (OC-009)** between January 7-14th (2016). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsigns.

TI5, COSTA RICA

Mark, M0DXR, will be active as TI5W from Costa Rica during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All- Band/2-R entry. QSL TI5W via N3YIM. Outside of the contest he will use the callsign TI5/M0DXR. QSL TI5/M0DXR via M0DXR.

V4, ST. KITTS.

John, W5JON/V47JA informs OPDX that he will once again be active as V47JA from his vacation home in Calypso Bay, **St. Kitts (NA-104**, WW Loc. FK87SG), located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between October 6th and November 6th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB.

He will also be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry.

Equipment is a Kenwood TS-590S and Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. Antennas include: 31', 10-40m Vertical, and 35', 40/80m Top Loaded Vertical; and newly added, shortened 160m dipole and 3 element Yagi for 6m. Also, XYL Cathy, W5HAM, will occasionally operate as V47HAM. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

VI0, ANTARCTICA

The commemorative callsign VI0ANZAC is planned to be activated at Casey Base and join the Wireless Institute of Australia ANZAC 100 program. This is to mark the 100 years since the ANZAC or Australian and New Zealand Army Corps first fought at Gallipoli in Turkey during WWI. Word has it that Doug, VK0DMV, is expected to be one of the operators and is working at Casey Station. His role keeps him extremely busy, and he can only operate when his duties allow. This will mean that some published operation time may not occur due to operational requirements and the weather conditions.

VI0ANZAC will use the commercial Qmac HF90 transceiver with an output power of 50 watts into a dipole antenna. For a schedule and the latest, check out [QQRZ.com](http://www.qrz.com) and the WIA Web site VI0ANZAC roster page at:

<http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/anzaccentenary/vi0roster>

XX9, MACAU

Operators Janusz/SP9FIH and Bogdan/SP2FUD will be active from **Coloniae Island (AS-075)** betwee October 16-28th. Callsign will be announced the first day of operation. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign. They currently have a Web site up with a band needs survey at:

<http://www.xx9.dxpedititions.org>

YASME NEWS

The following press release was sent out by Kip Edwards, W6SZN, YASME Secretary, on August 5th: YASME FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS -- The Yasme Excellence Award is presented to individuals who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication, have made a significant contri- bution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of tech- nical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe.

The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation is pleased to announce the award of the Yasme Excellence Award to the following individuals:

* **Mike Mertel, K7IR**, for his revolutionary invention of a tunable Yagi antenna that was later made available to the amateur radio community under the brand name SteppIR

* **Koos Fockens, PA0KDF**, for his investigations, measurements and publications regarding noise in the amateur radio bands that played a key role in the global fight against Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) interference

* **James Ying, N2IW**, for his creation of an on-line scheduling application that was used by many W1AW/portable operations during the 2014 ARRL Centennial and remains available without charge.

The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing (long distance communication) and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. For additional information about The Yasme Foundation, visit our website at www.yasme.org.

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YN, NICARAGUA

Mike, AJ9C, will once again be active as YN2CC from Granada, Nicaragua, between November 25th and December 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Also, Mike will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct and by the Bureau to his home callsign. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW upon his return home and QSLs can be requested via the OQRS on ClubLog.



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